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LB 412, 412A

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise because I know that there were I believe six dissenting votes on LB 412. You will recall as I said earlier that LB 412 is a bill which was originally designed to abolish the Office of Planning and Programming. Instead of abolishing the office we merely changed the name to the Policy Research Office. So once again it is evident that it is impossible to stop any kind of a government agency. You may upon one hand slow it down, but it just raises its head in some other area. I think it's been evident time after time after time on the floor of this body that government is going to grow and it's going to continue to grow, and that member after member after member will stand here and deplore the rising costs of government and the excessive growth, but when the time comes to do away with part of that growth not very many members will vote to do so. I recognize that this motion here is perhaps an exercise in futility but I offer it to give you the opportunity to register if you choose against increased government growth. It's a small effort, but it is an effort. However, rather than to engage in lengthy debate I will ask unanimous consent to withdraw the motion and just ask you to vote against the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis. Okay, Clerk will read 412A on Final Reading.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 412A.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached? Senator Goodrich, do you want....for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Just an inquiry of the Chair who in turn can inquire of Senator Warner. It says on the sheet he passed out yesterday that these same funds are included in 589, and therefore 412A was not added into the pending A bills. Are we appropriating it twice?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, what, LB 589 appropriated the same amount...a like amount to the old state Office of Planning and Programming. What the A bill does it repeals the appropriation of 589 and appropriates it to